

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, July 3, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

Refuse removal during holiday

The July 4 holiday will require a change in the trash pickup in the housing area. Refuse normally scheduled for pickup on Thursday in the housing area will be picked up on Wednesday, July 3. Recycling and refuse removal will both be performed on that day. For more information, call Debbie Meranski, 410-306-2337.

Holiday closures on APG

Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic will be closed on July 4 in observance of the federal holiday.

The General Medicine Clinic will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. by appointment only on July 5 and 6. Appointments can be made through nurse triage at 410-278-1751.

The clinic will be closed on July 7. Normal operating hours will resume July 8.

Edgewood and Aberdeen Re-Nu-It Centers will be closed July 4 through 6. Aberdeen Re-Nu-It Center will reopen on July 9 and Edgewood Re-Nu-It Center will reopen on July 10.

The Morale, Welfare and Recreation Center's Equipment Resource Center will be closed July 3 and 4.

The post Veterinary Treatment Facility will be closed July 5.

Learn more about Lyme Disease

The APG Committee for the Disabled will present a briefing on the prevention, symptoms and treatment of Lyme Disease on July 11. Sandra R. Evans, a biologist from the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, will begin her briefing at 10 a.m. in the Gunpowder Club, Edgewood Area.

The presentation is open to the entire APG community. For more information, call Angela Cheeks, 410-278-1140.

Training offered for child care providers

Family Child Care provider training will be conducted during the week

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IronBirds-eye view

A member of the Black Daggers, a Special Operations Command parachute team from Fort Bragg, N.C., trails red smoke past the jumbo tron in Ripken Stadium during opening day festivities for the Aberdeen IronBirds, June 18. See story on page 6.

Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

APG maintains water restrictions Car washing banned on post

Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground, along with the rest of central Maryland, remains under a drought watch despite some relief brought by rain in recent weeks.

When the drought watch began on March 20, central Maryland's water level was 12 inches below acceptable levels. Despite recent rain, it remains 10 inches low.

The installation has implemented Phase One Drought Restrictions. Phase One is designed to decrease water usage, but have minimal impact on the population. So far, the installation has decreased usage by 7.8 percent, falling short of the desired 10 percent reduction.

"We need everyone to take a look at the water they use in their daily activities and in all their work areas, and try to reduce or conserve as much as they can," said Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander.

To help minimize the impact of drought on APG, residents and employees of the installa-

tion are asked to review and abide by drought watch guidelines. Those restrictions include a ban on the washing of privately-owned vehicles. Residents are asked to run their vehicles through commercial car washes, which use recycled water or closed-loop systems.

Common sense water-saving measures include shorter showers, collecting rainwater to use on gardens and turning off water when not in use, such as when shaving or brushing teeth.

A Drought Emergency Hotline, 410-306-1107, has been established for callers to express concerns, identify problems or provide suggestions during water restriction. Calls are recorded for appropriate and timely response from the Drought Emergency Task Force. When placing a call, leave name, number and a brief message.

"We appreciate your cooperation," Mark said. "Hopefully, by successfully enacting Phase One Restrictions, we will not have to take more stringent measures."

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Eddie Money joins Night Ranger and REO Speedwagon at APG

Sheila Little
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground's summer concert, scheduled for Aug. 17, features three bands that are sure to have attendees singing along, with headliner REO Speedwagon, and opening acts Night Ranger and Eddie Money.

When the singer and guitarist born Eddie Mahoney released his debut album, self-titled Eddie Money, in 1977, word was out that the police academy drop-out had exceptional talent. The album, featuring "Two Tickets to Paradise" and "Baby Hold On," both guitar-driven mega hits, helped launch a long career for the son of a New



Courtesy www.eddiemoney.com
York City cop.

Rising in popularity in the '80s for making funny, narrative videos for MTV such as "Shakin'" and "Think I'm in Love," Money has scored additional hits with "Walk on Water" and "Peace in Our

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Celebrating the Fourth of July safely



Photo courtesy of bigfireworks.com
Sparklers are among legal fireworks allowed in Maryland.

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Independence Day, July 4, is the day Americans celebrate their independence from England with parades, carnivals, cookouts and fireworks.

fireworks' mishaps.

Fireworks are illegal in the State of Maryland and on Aberdeen Proving Ground.

According to Andre Fournier, Fire Protection Specialist for the Fire and Emergency Services Division, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, Maryland

Fireworks and the law

Each year, several thousand people are injured as a result of

State law reads "it is unlawful for any person to discharge fireworks without a permit, or to possess fireworks. Penalty for this offense could be a fine of not more than \$250 for each offense. Any person selling fireworks could receive a fine of not more than \$1,000 for each offense."

Illegal fireworks

Fire Laws of Maryland, Article 38A, Section 15 (a), define illegal fireworks as firecrackers, Squibs, rockets, Roman candles, fire balloons, signal lights, cherry bombs, and any combustible, explosive or implosive composition, or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or an audible effect of combustion, explosion, implosion, deflagration or detonation.

Legal fireworks

Legal fireworks are defined as sparklers containing no chlorates or perchlorates; or paper-wrapped snappers con-

taining less than three hundred grains of explosive composition; or ash-producing pellets known as "snakes" which contain no mercury.

"It is important to look at the packaging," Fournier said. "Only gold label hand-held sparklers are legal throughout most parts of Maryland, except for Prince George's and Montgomery counties, as well as Baltimore City."

New category of fireworks

The Maryland General Assembly adopted and passed a law, House Bill 799 in 2001, which approved a new category of fireworks called Ground-based Sparkling Devices.

A GBSD is a non-aerial and non-explosive device that is labeled in accordance with the requirements of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

They are marketed in a wide variety of styles, shapes and sizes. However, each must bear a label that states: "WARNING" or "CAUTION"

EMITS SHOWERS OF SPARKS, use only under close adult supervision, for outdoor use only, place on level surface, light fuse and get away. Devices that bear a label with "descriptive" terms such as "Shoots Flaming Balls" or "Report" are not GBSD and are illegal in Maryland.

"Remember, GBSD are supposed to be non-movement and non-aerial, so be careful of what you buy," Fournier said. "You may find items like Spinning Wheels, Texas Giant Jumbo Cane, Shoe Whistle Whirl Comet or Nitro Raging Rainbow. These are examples of illegal fireworks."

Any smoke device, such as a smoke bomb, is considered illegal fireworks."

Even though the Maryland General Assembly passed this law in 2001, not all jurisdictions accepted the law. Currently, the following jurisdictions have prohibited and established more stringent requirements for GBSD: Baltimore City, Montgomery

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of July 15 in Aberdeen Area, building 2752. Aberdeen and Edgewood area applicants interested in providing home-based child care, especially infant care, are encouraged to apply. Interviews will be held on July 9 and 10.

Being a professionally trained provider in a warm, home environment offers many benefits to include \$500 per week; self employment; free training in a marketable profession; transferable credit to Army installations world wide; free use of lending library; free referrals by Central Registry; free monthly newsletter; free workshops (nutrition, health, child development, safety, CPR, taxes); participation in the National CDA credential program and participation in the USDA food program.

For more information, call Beverly Hartgrove, 410-278-9832 or Angie Grinage, 410-278-7576.

Tickets for summer concert

Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Morale, Welfare and Recreation is busily planning this year’s rock concert. Headlined by REO Speedwagon, openers for the Aug. 17 event are Night Ranger and Eddie Money.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 through Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT, or at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, 410-278-4011. Tickets will also be available the day of the concert for \$35.

Due to security considerations, only the gate located on Route 22 will be open to concert-goers, who will be directed to designated parking. Those 16 and older should bring a photo ID and plan their arrival time to accommodate personal and vehicle searches.

A tailgate party with a live broadcast by radio station WOCT will be held at the designated parking area from 3 to 6 p.m.

The concert staging area opens at 6 p.m., with the concert getting underway at 7:30 p.m.

Volunteers needed for rock concert

Morale, Welfare and Recreation needs volunteers for the APG Classic Rock Concert, Aug. 17, at Shine Sports Field.

Jobs include gate workers, ticket sellers, concession workers, sponsorship assistants, warehouse workers and photographers. Licensed bus drivers and parking attendants are also needed. Staff T-shirts and training will be provided. Volunteers must be 18 or older and available to work from 4 p.m. to midnight.

For more information about volunteering, contact Ruth Overbay, 410-278-9536, or e-mail her at ruth.overbay@usag.apg.army.mil.

For general information, call 410-278-4011/4621, TTY 410-278-4110.

‘Race To Read’ registration underway

This summer, the garrison libraries in the Aberdeen and the Edgewood areas are joining with the Harford County Public Library’s Summer Reading 2002.

The post libraries will serve as registration sites for children of all ages who want to join the Race to Read. Come to the library to sign up and receive a take-home kit. Certificates and incentive prizes will be awarded to readers who complete the program. The last day to submit reading logs and receive certificates is Aug. 31.

For more details, call Bill Todd at the post library, 410-278-3417.

A DC salute to the armed forces, June 30

The USO of Metropolitan Washington and the District of Columbia will present the first annual “DC Salute to Our Armed Forces” at 1:30 p.m., June 30, at the MCI Center, Washington to show military personnel and their families appreciation for their service. Local military ID holders will get a chance to receive complimentary passes to attend the June 30 Washington Mystics game at the MCI Center.

Veteran entertainer Ben Vereen will sing the national anthem, and halftime will feature a tribute to the Armed Forces. District of Columbia Mayor Anthony Williams will also proclaim June 30 to July 7 as “Military Appreciation Days” in the District of Columbia. Select area businesses will offer discounts to military ID card holders.

For more information, call Sandy Levine, 301-924-0330.

Donna’s offers soft ice cream

Donna’s Pit Beef, located in building 3245 (next to the theater), offers vanilla soft ice cream, sizes small to large and caramel, hot fudge, butterscotch and strawberry sundaes. Toppings include marshmallow, whipped cream, rainbow sprinkles or nuts.

Hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 6 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 410-272-7730.

Preventing violence in the workplace


Are communication problems creating a hostile workplace? The Workplace Assessment Team offers a variety of Communication and Conflict Resolution classes designed to help with interpersonal problems and workplace productivity.

For more information or to schedule a class, call Paul Papp, 410-306-1079, or e-mail paul.papp@usag.apg.army.mil.

Pollution Prevention

Every gallon of gasoline your vehicle burns puts 20 pounds of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere.

APG Pollution Prevention Program



Workplace Violence Prevention lunchtime classes

Paul Papp of the Work Assessment Team will hold Workplace Violence Prevention workshops in the Aberdeen and Edgewood areas this summer.

In the Aberdeen Area, classes will be held every Monday, noon to 12:45 p.m., building 4304 in the ISD Conference Room. Class dates are July 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29.

In the Edgewood Area, classes will be held every Monday in building E-4430 in the Conference Room. Class dates are Aug. 5, 12, 26 and Sept. 9 and 16.

Topics include Introduction to Workplace Violence Prevention, Refining Your Communication Skills, Conflict Resolution, Managing Workplace Stress and Religious Toleration in the Workplace. Bring a lunch and join in.

For more information, call Paul Papp at 410-306-1079 or e-mail him at Paul.Papp@usag.apg.army.mil.

RAB meets June 27

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its next monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting June 27, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Westwood Study Area, Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action, Aberdeen Area Perchlorate Detections and the New O-Field Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public; all APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

Manager needed at EA Thrift Shop

Applications for the position of manager are being accepted at the Edgewood Area Thrift Shop located across from the golf course on Stark Road. Applications will be accepted Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call 410-676-4733.

Kirk offers classes

A series of four diabetes education classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesdays, July 2, 9, 16 and 23, noon to 2 p.m. Participants must attend the July 2 class. All TRICARE-enrolled individuals with a recent or long-term diagnosis of diabetes, or parents or sponsors of a diabetic child are invited to attend.

For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Preventing heat injuries

Preventive Medicine and Wellness, Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic, offers classes on heat injury prevention and/or a packet with information and a CD with hot/cold weather injury prevention power point presentations. Heat injuries are prevented by educating soldiers and leaders and through command influence. Leaders at all levels must work to prevent heat injuries.

During the next several months, unit commanders should emphasize that soldiers drink plenty of water and take rest periods during strenuous activities in hot weather. They also should train their soldiers to recognize the causes, symptoms, and first aid measures for heat injuries, using the Soldier’s Manual of Common Tasks as a guide.

For more information, contact Sgt. Humphrey Okele at 410-278-1964.

Register for fall credit classes at HCC

Registration is currently underway for fall 2002 credit classes at Harford Community College’s Aberdeen Proving Ground Center, building 3146, Raritan Avenue, Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and alternate Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For information, call 410-272-2338 or 410-278-0516.

Students may also register for courses by mail or FAX through Sept. 3. Forms and further information are included in the Schedule of Fall 2002 Credit Classes, which will be mailed to all Harford County residences this summer. It is also available in the Registration and Records Office at HCC and can be viewed at Web site www.harford.edu.

Prior to registering, students may call HCC’s Academic Advising Center at 410-836-4301 to make an appointment to meet with an academic advisor and plan their semester schedule. Students who have never attended HCC, or who attended before fall 2000, should complete an HCC Application for Enrollment prior to registering.

For further information about registering for fall credit courses at HCC, call the Office of Registration and Records at 410-836-4222 or 410-879-8920, ext. 222.

OSCA to hold reunion

The Ordnance Supply Control Agency reunion will be held Nov. 3 to 7 in Las Vegas. For more information, e-mail beachcomer08@msn.com or call 941-495-9215.

TSA announces vacancies

The Transportation Security Administration has 60,000 vacancies for to be filled by November 2002. The Transportation Security Administration is an organization within the Department of Transportation and was established by Congress in November 2001 as part of the Aviation Security Act. There are a variety of positions available in management to administration and transportation security screener positions at various airports across the country. They will be posted at www.tsa.dot.gov, www.USAjobs.opm.gov, www.monster.com or in the local press. Follow the application process outlined in the vacancy announcement/job posting.

TSA employees are eligible for U.S. government employment benefits including: health and life insurance; retirement (Thrift Savings Plan); 10 paid federal holidays; annual leave (vacation time)/sick leave and continual learning.

For more details on the benefits to be offered, visit www.opm.gov and follow the site index to the life insurance, health benefits, leave administration and retirement sections.

For more information, visit the “Frequently Asked Questions” link found on www.tsa.dot.gov, or call 866-289-9673.

Commercial Activities Hotline available

The CA telephone hotline at 410-278-7414, and CA e-mail hotline at CA.Hotline@usag.apg.army.mil, are available to provide updates and answers to your questions concerning the CA Study. In addition, CA is now a choice on the first page of the APG Web site, www.apg.army.mil.

Join the boat club

The Spesutie Island Boating Activity, or SIBA, is accepting applications for the 2002 season. Requirements to join are: possess a government identification card for Aberdeen Proving Ground, boat registration, and proof of insurance. Costs are: for a moored boat - \$11 per foot, for a boat on trailer in parking lot space - \$8 per foot, for ramp access - \$7.50 per foot.

Membership requirements include the member performing eight hours of work for the club and standing security watches.

Membership is open to active duty military, full-time Army National Guard, retired military, Department of the Army civilians employed at APG, retired APG civilians, and full-time contractors with government ID cards. Details can be found in Army Regulation 215-27.

Applications can be picked up at the SIBA clubhouse, building 36, or at Outdoor Recreation. For more information, call Outdoor Recreation at 410-278-4124.

Disposing of excess software

Excess software with accompanying DA Form 3161, Request for Issue or Turn-In, can be turned in every other Tuesday between 8:30 and 11 a.m. at building 4021.

For complete sets of software, the DA Form 3161 should include software name, manufacturer, date of manufacture, and the number of sets.

For incomplete sets, the media (diskettes, CDs, etc.) must be separated from the manuals and other papers. The entire lot may then be listed as “Assorted software, 1 lot.”

For more information or for a turn in that involves more than 100 boxes, call Sandy Schiller at 410-278-8883.

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PET OF THE WEEK



Photo by YVONNE JOHNSON

Sweet Sissy

Sissy is a beautiful longhaired Calico with white, brown and black markings. About 2-years old, she is spayed and declawed and ready to go to a loving home. Sissy and other cats, dogs and kittens are available for adoption at the post Veterinary Treatment Facility across from Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic. You do not have to be active duty military to adopt a pet. For more information, contact the VTF at 410-278-4604. The facility will be closed July 5.

16th Ordnance Battalion to change command

E.C. Starnes
OC&S

Command of the 16th Ordnance Battalion will change hands on July 3 as Lt. Col. Kevin R. Moore passes the battalion colors to Lt. Col. Thomas J. Keegan. The 9 a.m. ceremony will be conducted on Fanshaw Field. (The inclement weather site is the Athletic Center, building 3300).

The 16th Ordnance Battalion supports the soldiers who train Ordnance officers, warrant officers, soldiers and international students.

This includes officers in the Ordnance Officer Basic and Advanced courses, the Ordnance Warrant Officer Basic and Advanced courses, as well as military occupational skills such as machinist, small arms/artillery repair, field artillery systems repair, fire control repair, armament repair, utilities equipment repair, power generation equipment repair, and Quartermaster and chemical equipment repair.

Keegan comes to the 16th Ordnance Battalion from Fort Leavenworth, Kan. While there he served as the chief Combat Service Support Observer Controller for Operations Group A, Battle Command Training Program.

Following 17 Warfighter exercises with the program, he was assigned as a staff group leader with the Combined Arms and Services Staff School at the Command and General Staff College.

Keegan was commissioned in 1984 after graduating from California State Polytechnic University where he received a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering. Following completion of the Ordnance Officer Basic Course he was assigned to the 123rd Maintenance Battalion, First Armored Division in Germany. While there, he served as a maintenance platoon leader and later as a ship's officer.

He was later assigned to battalion support operations as both the class IX officer and transportation officer.

Following completion of the Ordnance Officer Advanced Course in 1989, Keegan was assigned to the 8th Infantry Division at Fort Lewis, Wash., where he served as the commander of Bravo Company, 709th Main Support Battalion.

He later moved to the 199th Separate Infantry Brigade where he served as the support battalion S3.

He returned to the academic world in 1991 as a student at Babson College. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a degree in materiel acquisition Management.

His follow-on utilization assignment was with the Office of Military Cooperation in Cairo, Egypt, as the air defense and anti-tank program manager. He then attended the Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kan.

His next assignment brought him to Fort Polk, La., where he served as the materiel officer for the Joint Readiness Training Center and later as the executive officer for the Regimental Support Squadron, Second Armored Cavalry Regiment. While serving with the 2nd ACR, he deployed to Bosnia

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Italian American Ordnance soldier returns to APG . . . 57 years later

E.C. Starnes
OC&S

He went into the Army willingly because he thought it was the right thing to do as an American. He wanted to serve his new country.

At the age of 15, Roberto Graziosi left his family home in Italy. He was leaving behind a home that had been in his family for 1,400 years.

Eight days later he landed at Ellis Island and made his way to Old Forge, Pa., to settle with his aunt, and begin working in the mines.

"I became an American by choice, not by chance," Graziosi said recently.

He settled in to the life of a coal miner, working with black powder and explosives in the mines near Scranton, making \$5 a day, searching for coal with the aid of carbide, and later, electric lights affixed to his hard hat.

Then he was drafted, and, because of his experience with explosives, sent to Aberdeen Proving Ground to become an ordnance soldier. He went into the Army willingly because he thought it was the right thing to do as an American. He wanted to serve his new country.

In October 1941 he was discharged from the Army and made his way back to Old Forge and life in the mines. He wasn't there long.

Following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor he was

recalled and again sent to Aberdeen Proving Ground.

"When I saw I was going to Aberdeen again, I felt good," Graziosi said.

He and his fellow Ordnance soldiers prepared for deployment to Africa. His company departed, but Graziosi stayed behind. A bout of appendicitis forced him to miss his shipment date. For the rest of the war, APG became his home.

At APG, he was sent to work in the mess hall as a first cook. He would later become the Mess Sergeant.

"Guys used to bring in crabs they had caught to steam in my mess hall," Graziosi said. "I asked them where they got them and they said, 'Oh, just over the hill there.' In all the time I was here, I never saw the water."

When the war ended, many things had changed, and he didn't make it back to the mines.

Recently, after 57 years, he returned to APG at the age of 89. Through arrangements with Susan Gooch, the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School protocol officer, Graziosi returned with his son Bob to see the post that had had a pivotal role in his life.

Spry and walking with a little help from a cane, he visited his old military haunts. Many of the buildings are gone, but many still stand.

And, he saw something he did not see while he was at Aberdeen for five years — the

Chesapeake Bay.

He says that his company was like a big family and he has fond memories of the friends he made.

He recalled some of the daily routine at Aberdeen, including the need for someone to check on the coal heat during the cold spells.

"You had to make sure the fire didn't go out. All of the buildings were heated by coal," he said.

Aberdeen at the time was busy turning out Ordnance soldiers and units for the war. "About every 13 weeks another company would be leaving for the war," he recalled.

And, he related, there were guns being fired all day and all night.

"Twenty four hours a day - boom, boom, boom," he said.

"There were trains on the main line through Aberdeen



Photo courtesy of ROBERT GRAZIOSI
Robert Graziosi models his combat gear in this photo from APG in World War II.

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Photo by 2nd LT. RYAN BIBLE
Capt. Thomas C. Timmes, environmental engineer at CHPPM, takes water samples in the Pentagon in response to the 9/11 terrorist attack.

CHPPM engineer selected as Maryland’s best

Evelyn B. Riley
CHPPM

An environmental engineer at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine has been selected as the Outstanding Young Engineer of the Year by the Maryland Society of Professional Engineers, an auspice of the National Society of Professional Engineers. Capt. Thomas C. Timmes, Water Supply Management Program, was recognized at the MSPE 63rd annual banquet held in Annapolis.

Jerry A. Valcik, program manager, Water Supply Management, has worked with Timmes for over 10 years and nominated him for the award.

“Timmes is a true professional engineer, consistently outstanding performer, a selfless and loyal soldier, a team player, and an inspirational leader,” Valcik said. “He is always seeking opportunities for self-improvement, as well as additional challenges and responsibilities.

“His exceptional ability to think on his feet, his meticulous attention to detail, and his ana-

lytical capabilities to integrate written and oral information to develop and execute best courses of action, coupled with his total understanding and internalization of the Army values, make him a strong and effective leader,” Valcik said.

As chief, Field Water Section, Timmes is responsible for assisting field commanders and their medical staffs in supplying adequate quantities of high quality drinking water to deployed soldiers. In light of heightened anti-terrorism/force protection and homeland security issues, he has taken the lead for water system vulnerability assessment planning to ensure the safety and quality of drinking water supplies at Army installations.

“I appreciate the opportunity to apply the skills and education the Army has provided me to make a contribution to the homeland security mission. I have clearly benefited from the mentorship of CHPPM’s senior leaders and been fortunate to work with high quality officers and engineers,” Timmes said.

Local students earn scholarships from professional organization

Cathy Pritts
DTC

The Francis Scott Key Chapter of the International Test and Evaluation Association awarded scholarships to four Harford County High School seniors during a June 6 luncheon held at the HEAT Center in Aberdeen.

This year’s winners are Micheal Juhasz, a Fallston High School graduate who plans to study computer engineering at Penn State University; Pamela Schoffstall, John Carroll High School, who plans to study computer science at George Washington University; James

Way, Aberdeen High School, who plans to study math and computer science at University of Maryland Baltimore County; and Cassandra Durgin, C. Milton Wright High School, who plans to study mathematics at the University of Maryland.

Durgin decided to study mathematics after noting that there is a real deficiency of math teachers in Maryland and the nation.

“Maybe I’ll be the wonderful teacher that will inspire someone else to go into a math related field,” said Durgin. Durgin’s father Robert is a supervisory chemist at the Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization in the Edgewood Area.

Schoffstall’s father, Robert, works at the Aberdeen Test Center as an engineering technician, and her mother, Diana, works at the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command as a systems accountant. According to her mother, Pamela has had a keen interest in computers throughout high school.

“She has always been attached to a computer. She loves the technology,” Diana said. “Pamela is especially interested in computer security and Web design. She is working as an apprentice with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory this summer before heading off to school in the fall.”

Each recipient received a \$2,000 check made out to the college of their choice and an engraved plaque.

Rental vehicle damage...Who pays?

Susan Grendahl
OSJA

Damage to rental vehicles

Myth #1

As a government employee traveling on temporary duty, any vehicle rented is on behalf of the government.

Fact

The government as an entity does not rent vehicles; individuals rent vehicles. Government employees sign a contract for a rental car in their individual capacity and may be held personally liable by the rental car agency for any loss or damage to the vehicle. The unit that authorized the TDY may or may not pay the government employee for an accident using travel monies. Before reimbursing the employee, the unit will want to know if that government employee was within the scope of his or her employment and if that employee was authorized a rental car.

Myth #2

The rental car agency will cover the cost of any damages to a rental car if the

driver is a government employee.

Fact

Only in certain circumstances will the rental car company pay for damages to rental vehicles. The rental contract must fall under the Military Traffic Management Command Government Car Rental Agreement. Not all rental car agencies subscribe to the MTMC agreement.

Additionally, MTMC has renegotiated the Government Car Rental Agreement. Effective Nov. 1, 2001, the new contract states that the rental car company will no longer accept responsibility if a government employee is simply negligent (in addition to gross negligence). Essentially, if the government employee caused the accident, even through simple negligence, the rental car company will not cover any costs.

Myth #3

The government employee signing the rental contract is not liable for damage caused by other drivers if the other drivers are government employees on TDY

orders.

Fact

If a government employee signs for the rental car and allows another to drive it, the rental car company may hold both the person who signed the contract and the driver liable.

Property damage and personal injury to third persons

Myth#4

If a government employee on TDY hits another vehicle causing property damage and personal injury, the Government will always step in to protect the Government employee.

Fact

For the government to assume liability for an accident, the government employee must have been within the scope of his or her employment at the time of the accident. Simply because a government employee is on TDY does not mean he or she is within the scope of employment. For example, if a government employee

See MYTHS, page 12

Letter to the Editor:

I want to thank our customers for purchasing products in Snack Vending Machines located throughout Aberdeen Proving Ground operated by Don's Vending. Without customer support, the Post Restaurant Fund would not be able to make a difference here on the proving ground. The names of customers who won prizes are:

Aberdeen Area
Elizabeth Bernier
Gloria Dyson
Joe Hogan
Edward Martin
Denise McIntyre
Joseph Merritt
Miguel Ortiz
Bryan Shank
Wayne Strine
Linda Stoflet
Pam Swift
Richard Woppert

Edgewood Area
Jose Alvelo
Terry Bartley
Diana Blevins
Paul Cloud
Debra Dawson
Steven Hubbs
George Hunt
Deanna Lytle
Richard Sickenberger

To claim a prize, customers must retain the green sticker affixed to the purchased product and bring it to my office at building 2752, room 111, Monday through Thursday in the Aberdeen Area. Stop by to choose your prize, but don't delay because prize items are going fast.

I was in the Edgewood Area to award prizes to our customers June 19. I will be in Edgewood again very soon and will call all Edgewood winners to announce the place and time.

For more information on the Post Restaurant Fund prizes, vending machine problems or comments, call 410-278-3520 or e-mail kathy.decker@usag.apg.army.mil.

Thank you. I appreciate your business.
Kathleen Decker
Post Restaurant Fund

Outlook Tip



Changing the Time Interval on Your Calendar.

By default, Outlook displays your appointments in 30-minute increments. This can be changed by using the following technique:

Open your Outlook calendar.

Right-click on the time display area and select the interval you want to use.

See Outlook Tip #8 located in the Outlook Tips Public Folder for more details.

Select Public Folders, then All Public Folders, then APG, then Outlook Information and finally select Outlook Tips.

Students

From page 4

The FSK ITEA is an education-oriented, not for profit, technical society that provides for the exchange of ideas in the field of test and evaluation. Each year, the organization offers at least one scholarship to a Harford or Cecil county senior who plans to pursue a degree in math, engineering or one of the physical sciences.

This year's winners were chosen from a field of 27 applications and were scored on academic performance, extracurricular activities and a career goal statement.



Photo by RETA REYNOLDS
The Francis Scott Key International Test and Evaluation Association scholarship winners are from left, James Way, Pam Schoffstall, Micheal Juhasz and Cassandra Durgin.

APG Drought Watch restrictions

- No water will be served at clubs, snack bars, or other restaurant-type facilities except upon patron request.

- No water will be served in troop mess halls except by self-help.

- No washing of privately-owned or military/government vehicles, except mission essential vehicles and military vehicles washed using recycled or closed-loop wash racks.

- No washing of paved surfaces, including streets, sidewalks, stairs and tennis courts.

- No watering of landscaped areas, including

lawns, athletic fields, trees, shrubs or other outdoor plants. Minimum watering, in order to prevent loss, is acceptable for newly planted trees and shrubs. As an exception for those with vegetable and flower gardens, watering may take place on even dates for homes with even number addresses, and on odd dates for odd numbered homes.

- No use of water for ornamental purposes, such as fountains, unless it is a closed-loop system requiring no additional water.

- Only run dishwashers and washing machines when full.



Sports & Recreation

Ripken Stadium stages military-style grand opening

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Six drill sergeants from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools’ 143rd Ordnance Battalion formed the honor guard that presented the colors at the grand opening of Ripken Stadium on June 18.

Led by Sgt. 1st Class Angelo Pennyamon, the team stood tall as the brass and percussion section of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra played the national anthem before an opening day crowd of more than 6,000.

Company C 143rd commander, Capt. Daniel Elliott and 1st Sgt. William Bowman said the unit was proud to share in the historic event.

“This is part of their community outreach requirement,” Elliott said adding that the team also will carry the colors for the IronBirds’ military appreciation observance on July 5.

The color guard included Pennyamon, noncommissioned officer in charge, Sgt. 1st Class Wade Christenson, Staff Sgt. Joseph Bailey, and Staff Sgts. Andrew Gibby, Laron Scott, and Consuelo Whitehurst.

Pennyamon said the team practiced hard for its appearance before its largest audience ever.

“We wanted to look good in representing the proving ground,” Pennyamon said. “Mission accomplished.”

The team took to the field about 20 minutes early, standing at attention near the IronBirds dugout while festivities went on around them.

“That gave us time to relax,” Whitehurst said, adding that the crowd was larger than she expected.

Gibby said that although the heavy media presence was a

distraction, it brought home how important the occasion was.

“It was an honor to participate,” he added. “It felt like we were a part of making history.”

From the parking lot-sized tailgate party, to the Camden Yards-like stadium interior, to the fireworks display beyond center field, to “The Hangar,” the official team store, fans cheered the Ripken family for bringing baseball to Aberdeen.

Also featured were the Black Daggers, the new Army Special Operations Command parachute team from Fort Bragg, N.C.

Members of the team awed the audience, jumping from 2,000 feet into center field, trailing red, white and blue smoke behind them.

The team included Maj. Tony Risi, team leader; Lt. Col. Mike Stephenson, Maj. Tony Dill; Master Sgt. Mark Jones, Sgt. 1st Class Stu Goodall, Staff Sgt. Jody Beck, and Sgt. Brian Kirby.

Goodall said the team, which was formed about seven months ago, has traveled around the country performing for major events.

“Cal Ripken saw our demonstration at a NASCAR event and invited us here for the stadium opening,” Goodall said.

He added that team members include airborne, special forces and rangers from installations around the country.

“Fulfilling this mission is good for military outreach but it’s secondary to our real world mission of protecting the country,” Goodall said.



Drill sergeants from the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools’ 143rd Ordnance Battalion present the colors during the opening day ceremonies at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen on June 18.

Golf update

The following standings were reported for intramural golf for the week ending June 21.

Division A

HHC 61st #1	2-3
Company C 1/115th #1	2-1
HHC 143rd #1	2-1
USAF #1	1-0
203rd MI	0-3

Division B

HST	4-0
HHC 61st #2	3-0
USAF #2	2-1

HHC 143rd #2 0-3

Division C

HHC 143rd #3	3-0
HHC 16th #1	2-1
Company C 1/115th #3	0-3
USMC #1	0-1
HHC 61st #3	0-3

Division D

HHC 16th #2	4-1
CHPPM	4-0
USMC #2	0-3
Company C 1/115th #2	0-3
HHC 143rd #4	0-3



Softball update

The following results were reported for intramural softball for the week ending June 21.

American Division

Results

June 17

HHC 16, 19; HHC 61st, 4
HST, 12; KUSAHC, 8
HHC 143rd, 20; NCOA, 7

June 19

Edgewood Division

Results

HHC 61st, 20; SBCCOM, 7
HST, 14; TEU, 9
HHC 16th, 13; Company B 143rd, 0
Company C 143rd vs. HHC 143rd, postponed
Company A 143rd vs. KUSAHC, postponed

Schedule

July 1
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. SBC-COM
7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. TEU
8:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. KUSAHC
*6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. HHC 61st
*7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. HHC 16th

Standings

HHC 16th	6-0
HHC 143rd	4-1
HST	3-3
NCOA	2-3
HHC 61st	1-4
KUSAHC	1-3

Edgewood Division

Results

(See American Division)

Schedule

July 1
**6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. SBCCOM
**7:30 p.m., NCOA vs. TEU
**8:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. KUSAHC
6:30 p.m., Company C 143rd vs. HHC 61st
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. HHC 16th

Standings

Company A 143rd	3-0
SBCCOM	2-2
Company C 143rd	2-1
TEU	1-3
Company B 143rd	0-5

National Division

Results

June 18

Company C 16th, 7; Company A 16th, 4
Company E 16th vs. Company B 16th, postponed
USMC, 28; HHC 1/115th, 10

June 20

Company E 16th vs. USMC, postponed
HHC 1/115th, 10; Company A 16th, 6
Company C 16th, 17;
Company B 16th, 4

Schedule

No games July 1 to 3

Standings

Company C 16th	4-0
USMC	3-0
HHC 1/115th	3-1
Company E 16th	0-2
Company B 16th	0-3
Company A 16th	0-4

Concert

From front page

Time.”

In his third decade in the entertainment business, he continues on the touring circuit. The artist, along with REO Speedwagon and Night Ranger will delight fans at Shine Sports Field, under the APG sky on Aug. 17.

Come out and support the military community while being entertained by some class acts. Concert-goers older than 16 should bring a picture ID and be prepared for personal and vehicle searches. All vehicles will enter the Route 22 gate and be directed to designated parking.

The entertainment begins at the designated parking area, with a tailgate party and live broadcast from 3 to 6 p.m. by WOCT. Shuttle service is available to the show, which will take place rain or shine, and begins at 7:30 p.m. Bring chairs or blankets for lawn seating, but for security reasons, no coolers are allowed.

Tickets are on sale for \$25 through Ticketmaster, 1-800-551-SEAT, or at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, 410-278-4011. Tickets will also be available the day of the concert for \$35.

AFAP

From front page

and building heating and cooling issues; security barricades and gate procedures, and dealing with an overabundant deer population.

U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command and installation commander, Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, said the annual event is designed to raise the quality of life on the installation by bringing issues to the attention of those who can effect change or suggest a better approach.

“Our goal is to make APG not just a good place, but a great place to work and live,” Doesburg said. “This is a great forum to get the issues out on the table, then work on them at the installation or send them forward to the appropriate forum.”

Col. Mardi U. Mark, garrison and deputy installation commander, briefly reviewed the progress on concerns from last year’s AFAP. She said that of the 28 issues raised last year, 18 have been resolved and 10 are being monitored.

One issue concerning portability of healthcare between regions is being addressed at Department of the Army headquarters, because it affects all who use military health care. The issue was brought up as an example of how what is brought up locally can end up being resolved at the highest level, to the benefit of all the military.

Mark said new or improved programs currently in the works at APG include a re-vamping of Army Community Service, the introduction of the Well-Being program, a continuing effort to replace civilian employee and active duty mil-

itary ID cards with common access cards, improving the heating and cooling in some post quarters with the installation of a geo-thermal system, and eventually changing concrete gate barriers with natural ones that are more esthetically pleasing.

“Of course a lot of this boils down to funding,” Mark said. “It costs a lot money to wage war and we have to be the most efficient managers of the installation’s funds,” she said.

During the open forum, questions covered many of the issues APG’s leaders are working to solve. A few of them are listed below.

When asked about activities for youths on the installation, 1st Sgt. Pamela Irle of Company E, 16th Ordnance Battalion, was told that personnel are working on starting a junior reserve officers training corps, and although some teen classes may not be set up at the youth center, classes for teens are available through ACS.

A pregnant soldier from the U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense asked about a physical fitness program for soldiers who are required to stay in shape but have medical considerations.

Kirk U.S. Army Clinic and fitness instructors will be asked for input regarding how to keep in shape with minimal medical risk. *See page 11.*

A sergeant who lives in the barracks asked why lower and higher ranked enlisted soldiers are housed in the same barracks with no distinction.

Pat Hector, chief of the housing division, said a space problem makes it impossible to house soldiers separately, but said an effort is made to separate lower and higher ranks by wings. Hector added that senior enlisted, E-7 and above, are allowed to move off post, but have to put in a request.

Laura Reich, an ACS employee, expressed concern about ticks and the spread of Lyme Disease.

Cutting grass to a low level and using tick spray were suggestions on how to deal with the insects. Attendees were instructed to save any ticks that were removed from children or adults and submit them to the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine, for further testing. Test kits are available through CHPPM and Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

Another soldier asked why the wait for pediatric appointments at KUSAHC is so long. He reported that a recent pediatric appointment request took three days.

Lt. Col. David Krieger, commander of KUSAHC, said pediatric providers have been ill recently, causing a backlog. An additional pediatric provider begins in July.

When asked about the status of hunting, Mark said that unexploded ordnance remains a sticking point when it comes to hunting. After continued meetings this summer, a decision about fall hunting season will be announced in August.

Questions about the gate access roster, how to get their guests on it, how long it is effective, and how to make the sign up easier, were covered during the AFAP.

This issue is under discussion and will be addressed in a future issue of the APG News.

Other topics covered will be addressed when the final report from the 2002 APG AFAP is released later this year.

Mark concluded the session by thanking attendees and those who submitted questions ahead of time.

“We’re interested in keeping this place a nice place to work and live,” she said. “It is truly a team effort.”

Photo by SHEILA LITTLE

Maj. Curtis Schmucker, standing, Air Force detachment commander, asks a question during Aberdeen Proving Ground's 2002 Army Family Action Plan symposium held at Top of the Bay, June 12. Seated in the front row from the left are Lt. Col. Jill Grant, garrison staff judge advocate, Lt. Col. Anthony Grant, commander of the 143rd Ordnance Battalion and Godofredo Posadas, Relocation Readiness and Deployment Mobilization program manager from Army Community Service.

Fireworks

From front page

County, Prince George’s County, Town of Ocean City, Town of Bel Air and Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Precautions when handling legal fireworks

Fornier offers the following precautions when handling legal fireworks:

Exercise extreme caution when using hand-held Gold labeled sparklers.

Keep sparklers away from the body, where sparks from the sparkler could ignite clothing and cause minor burns.

Keep burning sparklers away from combustible and flammable materials.

Make sure the stems on the sparklers are cool to the touch before discarding into the trash.

When using GBSD in legal jurisdictions, make sure the devices are placed on a non-combustible surface such as driveways, sidewalks or dirt before igniting. Most will throw out sparks at least four feet in diameter from the base.

When igniting fireworks, special consideration must be taken due to drought conditions in Maryland. Have a bucket of water or a garden hose close by. Always wet down grassy areas near the ignition site before lighting.

Make sure that the container of the Ground-based Sparkling Device is cool to the touch before discarding into the trash.

In the event of fire or burns,

know your emergency numbers.

Be careful with small children around barbecue grills. Most people that are in an emergency situation panic and become confused.

If you have an emergency on post in the housing area, dial 911 and advise the operator that you are calling from APG Aberdeen Area or APG Edgewood Area. The emergency operator will then switch you to the appropriate personnel.

Local fireworks

There are two areas in

Harford County that will be displaying fireworks. Havre de Grace will begin their fireworks at 9 p.m. July 6 at Tydings Park, located at the corner of Union Avenue and Commerce Street.

The Bel Air parade will be conducted on July 4 and fireworks will be displayed at approximately 9 p.m. at the Bel Air High School complex, off the Bond Street extension.

“The Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire and Emergency Services Division wishes everyone a fire safe 4th of July,” Fournier added.

Beating the heat

Optum Health

Summer heat can be more than uncomfortable; it can be a threat to your health.

Hot weather can be especially dangerous for children and older adults.

Don’t let the summer heat get the best of you.

Try these tips to stay cool and safe.

- Drink plenty of water throughout the day. This is one of the most important things to do to beat the heat. Thirst means that the body is becoming dehydrated, so don’t wait until feeling thirsty.

- Stay indoors.

If possible, do errands and outdoor chores early or late in the day.

- Dress for the weather. Wear light layers of natural fabrics such as cotton. When outdoors, wear a light-colored hat that will let air circulate to keep the head cool.

- Eat light. Avoid heavy or hot meals. In the heat, it may feel better eating several nutritious snacks throughout the day instead of full meals. Cold summer fruits and vegetables can help keep the body hydrated.

- Think cool. Take lots of cool showers. Use cold compresses on pulse points. Soak feet in a basin of cool water. Visit a local mall to enjoy the air conditioning.

At times, the summer heat can hit harder than expected causing heat exhaustion or heat stroke.

Heat exhaustion is caused by not drinking enough fluids.

Heat stroke is the result of untreated heat exhaustion.

Watch for these warning signs:

Symptoms of heat exhaustion:

- Dizziness, weakness, nausea, headache and vomiting
- Body temperature is high but not above 101°F
- Skin is sweaty
- Feeling of thirst and heat
- Person is unable to speak clearly

Treatment for heat exhaustion:

Move to a cooler area, drink lots of water.

Symptoms of heat stroke:

- Sweating has stopped
- Body temperature rises rapidly-105°F is considered heat stroke
- No longer aware of thirst or heat
- Confused and delirious
- May lose consciousness or have a seizure

Treatment for heat stroke:

Heat stroke is an emergency. Get medical help immediately.

Meanwhile, cool the person’s body as much as possible. If heatstroke is not treated quickly, brain and organ damage is likely.

Health Care Information Line nurses are available 24 hours a day to answer questions about the effects of heat, as well as many other health-related concerns at 1-800-308-3518.



Community Notes

**SUNDAY
JUNE 30
GOSPEL CONCERT**

The APG Gospel Service choir and other local choirs will hold a gospel concert at 5 p.m. in the Aberdeen Area Chapel. The theme of this old-time gospel celebration is “Taking It Back To The Old Land Mark.” For more information, call Clarence Weaver at 410-272-6583 or Regina Mack at 410-273-5306.

**THURSDAY
JULY 4
FOURTH OF JULY SPECIALTY MEAL**

The annual Fourth of July specialty meal will be held in the Aberdeen Area dining facilities, buildings 4219 and 4503, and Edgewood Area dining facility, building E-4225, noon to 1:30 p.m. During this event all military personnel, family members, Department of Defense civilians, retirees and guests are invited to dine.

The standard meal rate of \$3.25 applies to any officer, enlisted member, and family member of sergeant or above, DoD civilian, retiree and their guest. The discount meal rate of \$2.70 applies to spouses and other family members of enlisted personnel in ranks private through specialist/corporal.

The Fourth of July specialty meal menu includes bar-b-que ribs, bar-b-que chicken, grilled hamburgers/cheeseburgers, grilled bratwurst, grilled frankfurters, baked beans, buttered corn on the cob, buttered green beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, assorted relish trays, assorted potato chips, assorted fresh fruits, assorted pastries and assorted beverages.

Note: menu is subject to change without prior notification. For more information call Edward Parylo, or Joyce Thane at 410-306-1399/1393/1398.

**SATURDAY
JULY 6
WACVA MONTHLY MEETING**

The Women’s Army Corps Veterans Association Maryland Free State Chapter #70 will hold their next meeting 10 a.m. at the Aberdeen Senior Citizen Center. Agenda includes installation of the club’s new officers: Sheila Smith, President; Connie Murphy. 1st Vice President; Judy Fortier, 2nd Vice President; Velma Alaniz, Secretary; Lou Creighton, Treasurer and Elizabeth Toms, Sergeant-at-Arms.

All women who have served or are serving in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, Women’s Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040 or visit Web sites www.wacva.com or www.armywomen.org.

**FRIDAY
JULY 12
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary, Volunteer Fire Company #1 of Chesapeake City will be held at the Chesapeake City Fire Hall (2nd floor) 215 Lock Street, Chesapeake City at 6 p.m.; bingo starts at 7 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5.

For tickets, call Lori, 410-287-0827, or Carol, 410-885-5060.

**SATURDAY
JULY 13
YARD SALE**

A yard sale to benefit the Aberdeen High School Girl’s Junior Varsity and Varsity Soccer Teams will be held at Aberdeen High School on Paradise Road from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. Rain date is July 20.

NEW WACVA CHAPTER FORMING

An organization meeting and bar-b-que to discuss the forming of a new chapter of the Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association will be held at 449 West Bel Air Avenue, Aberdeen at noon.

All women who have served or are serving in the Women’s Army Auxiliary Corps, Women’s Army Corps, Regular Army, Army Reserve, Army National Guard and Army Nurse Corps are welcome to attend. Also welcome, as associate members, are women of the Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard.

For more information about the association or to RSVP by July 11, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040, or visit Web sites www.wacva.com or www.armywomen.org.

**FRIDAY
JULY 19
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5.

For tickets, call Judy Hinch, 410-272-7585, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**SATURDAY
AUGUST 10
CWF SHOPPING AT POTOMAC MILLS**

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a shopping trip to Potomac Mills for \$20 per person, which includes charter bus transportation. The bus will depart Aberdeen Proving Ground at 8 a.m. and depart Potomac Mills at 4 p.m.

For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever at 410-278-4603/4771.

ARMY COMMUNITY SERVICES

TEEN PARENTING CLASSES

The Family Advocacy Program will offer “Systematic Training for Effective Parenting (STEP)” Teen Classes every Tuesday and Thursday, 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, building 2754, Rodman Road. STEP is offered to all parents who have children ranging from 12 to 18 years old. The dates and topics are :

- July 9 Understanding Yourself and Your Teenager
- July 11 Changing Your Response to Your Teen
- July 16 Communicating Respect and Encouragement
- July 18 Encouraging Cooperation and Problem Solving
- July 23 Using Consequences to Build Responsibility
- July 25 Deciding What to Do

If you are interested in registering for STEP Teen Parenting Classes, call Laura Reich, family advocacy prevention specialist at 410-278-7478 by July 3.

CAN DO! KIDS CLASSES

The Exceptional Family Member Program will be sponsoring “Who are Can Do! Kids?,” a program that will focus on what children can do instead of what they cannot. Can Do! Kids use their abilities in whatever way is best for them in order to do the things they want. Every child can be a Can Do! Kid. There will be four sessions held every Monday starting June 24, 6 to 7 p.m. at Army Community

Service, building 2754. The topics and dates are as follow:

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|---------|-------------------|
| July 1 | Teamwork |
| July 8 | Life Skills |
| July 15 | Creative Thinking |

Attendees must register by calling Reeshemah Bugg, EFMP manager at 410-278-2420.

BUILDING BLOCKS TO SUCCESS

Army Community Service is sponsoring a Saving and Investing class June 27, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Army Community Service Center, building 2754, Rodman Road. Class is free and open to all civilians, active duty personnel, retirees and family members. Space is limited. For more information or to reserve a seat, call Arcelio V. Alleyne, 410-278-2450. Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch.

VTC UNITES MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS

Army Community Service has set up a free video teleconference (VTC) available for military families to get in touch with their deployed loved ones. The VTC is located at ACS, building 2754, Rodman Road. Families will be able to see each other on a wide screen. To set up an appointment, call ACS, 410-278-2453.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard

**THE NEW GUY
Friday, June 28, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 29, 9 p.m.**

Starring: DJ Qualls, Zooey Deschanel



After a few years of being the “uncool kid” Gill, a high school student, gets himself expelled and ends up in prison. While there, his cellmate, Luther, gives him some tips on how to remake his image so he can start again at a different high school, reinvented as the “cool kid.” (Rated PG-13)



**ABOUT A BOY (FREE ADMISSION)
Saturday, June 29, 7 p.m.**

Starring: Hugh Grant, Toni Collette

Will, a 36-year-old London playboy, seeks out relationships with single mothers

because he thinks they’re more desperate to find a man. All his plans go out the window when he becomes emotionally attached to a woman’s 12-year-old son. (Rated PG-13)

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has the following books for your reading pleasure:



Angels by Marian Keyes

Between Friends by Debbie Macomber



Life of Pi by Yann Martel

The Beach House by James Patterson



The Dream of Scipio by Iain Pears

Last of the Amazons by Steven Pressfield



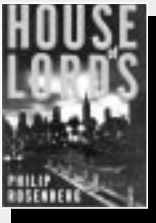
The Cabinet of Curiosities by Douglas Preston

Step to the Graveyard Easy by Bill Pronzini



House of Lords by Philip Rosenberg

His Insignificant Other by Karen Siplin



You can receive a complete listing of the library’s new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically. Contact the library at 410-278-4991 for details.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The Edgewood Area library is open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

APG SCHOOL LIASON UPDATE

2002-2003 SCHOOLYEAR INFORMATION

School is out, but it is time to start thinking about school, again. Harford County Public Schools will be starting back a bit earlier for the 2002-2003 school year — new teachers report Aug. 19, and all teachers Aug. 21; schools open Aug. 26; Pre-K starts Aug. 28; schools close June 11, 2003 for pre-K, June 13 for K-12, and June 16 for all teachers.

SUMMER MEALS PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

Harford County Public Schools announces “Summer Meals For Kids 2002.” Free breakfast will be provided to children up to 18 years of age, and children under 5 years of age accompanied by an adult from 8 to 9 a.m. and free lunch from 11 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, at the following locations and dates:

July 8 to Aug. 2
Roya Williams Elementary School, Hall’s Cross Roads Elementary School, Bakerfield Elementary School, William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary School and Havre de

Grace Elementary School
June 24 to Aug. 2: Edgewood Middle School
June 17 to July 26: Havre de Grace Middle School

For more information, contact the Office of Public Information at 410-588-5203 or at their Web site www.co.ha.md.us/harford_schools

YOUTH EDUCATION

As a part of open recreation at the Aberdeen Youth Center, Introduction to Chess for middle schoolers and up, will be offered on Tuesdays, starting July 2.

A baseball scoring class will be offered to 5th graders and up at the Edgewood Area Youth Center on Aug. 5, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., and at the Aberdeen Area Youth Center, 6 to 9 p.m.

Participants will have the opportunity to score a professional baseball game by attending an Aberdeen IronBirds game at Ripken Stadium on Aug. 6 at 7 p.m.

Registration of \$5 is open to the first 20 students. Transportation will be

provided from each youth center and back.

ATTENTION PARENTS, MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:

‘Academic Passport-Chart Your Course in Planning A Successful Journey Through High School and Beyond’ will be presented on Aug. 28, 1:30 to 3 p.m. at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3325. Sponsored by the Military Child Education Coalition and in partnership with Army Community Service, this is highly recommended for all aspiring students and parents.

UPCOMING EVENTS

An innovative approach to prevention of teenage alcohol and drug abuse will be offered in the evening for all interested middle and high school students and parents. Time, date and location will be determined.

For more information, contact Ivan Mehosky, School Liaison/Youth Education Services, Child Youth Services Division, building 2752, 410-278-2857, or e-mail him at ivan.mehosky@usag.apg.army.mil.

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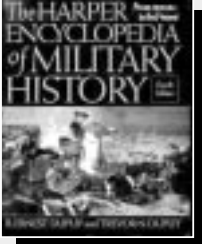
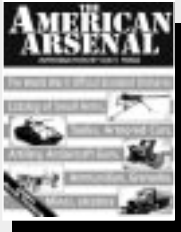
The Ordnance Center and Schools Library is located in the basement of building 3071.

PDF with Acrobat by Jennifer Alspach

Blacks in the American Armed Forces 1776-1983, A Bibliography by Lenwood G. Davis

African American Soldiers in the National Guard by Charles Johnson Jr.

The American Arsenal by Ian V. Hogg



The Harper Encyclopedia of Military History by R. Ernest & Trevor Dupuy

Army Air Force and U.S. Air Force Decorations, Medals, Ribbons Badges and Insignia by retired Lt. Col. Anthony Aldebol, USAF

The OC&S Library hours are Monday, noon to 4:15 p.m., Tuesday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, noon to 4:15 p.m.

Resumix centralization transition in progress

NECPOC

All résumés maintained by five continental United States Civilian Personnel Operations Centers databases are now being put into one central Resumix database. Applicants will need to have only one résumé in the database and it can be used to apply for a vacancy in any region. The consolidation will happen in stages.

“The consolidation of the CPOC résumé database will simplify the résumé application process for all employees,” said Pamela Frasier, Resumix team leader, of Aberdeen Proving Ground’s Northeast CPOC. “The fact that each applicant will submit their resume to one location and will be shared with the other CPOCs instead of having to send a résumé to each CPOC is convenient as well as efficient.”

After the consolidation, résumés submitted through the Army Civilian Résumé Builder will flow automatically into the centralized Resumix database. Self-nominations initiated through the Vacancy Announcement Builder will be posted automatically to the centralized Resumix database and will provide on-line confirmation to the applicant.

ANSWER, which is Applicant Notification System Web Enabled Response, will replace the Resumix On-Line Applicant Response Systems (ROAR) and Standard On-Line Applicant Response System (SOARS). ANSWER will be the method for applicants to obtain the current status of their résumé and self nominations.

- One résumé will be on file for all centralized regions. There

is no need to submit a résumé if one is on file.

- Résumés submitted through the Army Civilian Resume Builder will automatically flow into the centralized referral database. This is the fastest way to get a résumé into the centralized referral database. If applying through the Army Civilian Resume Builder, continue to select the CPOCs as currently done now to send résumés. The system will automatically send the résumé to the CPOC identified or to the centralized referral database as appropriate.
- Applicants will submit a new résumé after they have accepted a permanent position. This does not apply to temporary promotions or temporary reassignments.
- Self-Nominations through the Vacancy Announcement Builder will be posted automatically to the centralized referral database with on line confirmation.
- ANSWER will be the method for applicant notification. It is the best way to review an applicant’s most recent résumé on file.

Before submitting a résumé or self-nomination, use the table below. This table will assist applicants to determine where to view the status of their résumés and self-nominations. Letters will no longer be issued.

The date of deployment for the West CPOC is undetermined at this time.

For more information about either the transition or ANSWER, visit the Army CPOL Home Page at www.cpol.army.mil.

ROAR & SOARS versus ANSWER

Before submitting a resume or self-nomination, use the table below. This table will assist you in determining where to view the status of your resume and self-nomination. Letters will no longer be issued.

If you applied to:	If the Vacancy Announcement you applied for closes:	Resume Database	Notification System to Review	ROAR, SOARS & ANSWER will not be available:
Northeast CPOC	On or Before Jun 26	Local CPOC	ROAR	5:00 p.m. Jun 27 – 9:00 a.m. Jul 1 EST
	On or After Jun 27	Centralized	ANSWER	
Southwest CPOC	On or Before Jul 10	Local CPOC	ROAR/SOARS	5:00 p.m. Jul 11 – 9:00 a.m. Jul 15 EST
	On or After Jul 11	Centralized	ANSWER	
Southcentral CPOC	On or Before Jul 24	Local CPOC	ROAR	5:00 p.m. Jul 25 – 9:00 a.m. Jul 29 EST
	On or After Jul 25	Centralized	ANSWER	
Southeast CPOC	On or Before Jul 31	Local CPOC	ROAR	5:00 p.m. Aug 1 – 9:00 a.m. Aug 5 EST
	On or After Aug 1	Centralized	ANSWER	
Northcentral CPOC	On or Before Aug 7	Local CPOC	ROAR	5:00 p.m. Aug 8 – 9:00 a.m. Aug 12 EST
	On or After Aug 8	Centralized	ANSWER	

Letter to the editor

Subject: Physical training program for pregnant soldiers

My name is Spc. Angela Castro and I work at Edgewood. Maybe you can help me. I would like to know why Aberdeen Proving Ground does not have a pregnancy physical training program for their soldiers.

This is an issue because pregnant soldiers present a special challenge for units. To continue a soldier’s readiness they should continue doing physical training at the appropriate level. Every other duty station I have been to has had some type of program. Why not here?

Spc. Angela Castro
U.S. Army Medical Research Institute of Chemical Defense

Response to query:

The Army recognizes the importance of this issue and U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine is currently developing a standardized pregnancy/postpartum physical training program for proposed use Army-wide.

At the current time, according to Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel message 251912ZMAR96, the Army “recommends that installations offer pregnancy PT programs to assist pregnant and postpartum soldiers in maintaining fitness throughout their pregnancy and to assist them in returning to pre-pregnancy fitness levels after pregnancy termination.”

Guidance on pregnancy and postpartum physical profiles from the Department of the Army Office of The Surgeon

General dated 23 May 2001 states, “Upon the diagnosis of pregnancy, the soldier is exempt from the regular physical training program of the unit, and exempt from PT testing. Pregnant soldiers are encouraged to participate in a pregnancy PT program, where available. If they participate in a pregnancy PT program they should obtain the profiling officer’s approval prior to beginning the program”.

These documents indicate that the decision to implement a pregnancy/postpartum PT program is done at the discretion of the commander. Many installations do have installation programs implemented through the MEDDAC or at the division level.

Aberdeen Proving Ground does not currently have a pregnancy physical training program, however this does not preclude a soldier, with health care provider approval, from exercising at her own appropriate level during physical training, in order to maintain basic fitness levels.

Guidelines and recommendations regarding exercises during pregnancy and the postpartum period are given in the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology Committee Opinion Number 267, January 2002.

Additional resources to assist pregnant soldiers are forthcoming on the USACHPPM Web site, <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw/Readiness/PPPT>.

Steve Kistner
Director of Technical Services
USACHPPM



The latest Mystery Bowl contest winner is Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Seldon.

New Bowling Center hours

July 1 through Aug. 31 the new hours for the Aberdeen Proving Ground Bowling Center will be:

- Monday through Wednesday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Thursday, 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
- Saturday, 1 to 11 p.m.
- Sunday, Closed

Beginning Sept. 1, the hours will be:
Monday and Tuesday, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Wednesday and Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m.
Friday, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Saturday, 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Sunday, 1 to 6 p.m.

Introduction to cake decorating

Every Thursday for seven weeks starting July 11 at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, learn how to make patterns and designs, tube writing, frosting, and borders for \$45. Some additional supplies are required and a list will be handed out at the first class. Register by July 8 at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, 410-278-2621. For more information, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail her at earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Atlantic City trip

Visit the Sands Casino or others casinos and stroll the boardwalk July 13, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. for \$25. Fee includes motorcoach and complimentary offering. Purchase tickets by July 9 at the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office, building 3326, or call 410-278-4011. For more information, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail

her at earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Harpers Ferry

Get a guided historical tour and lunch July 21, 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. for \$40. See the site of John Brown’s revolt. Enjoy lunch at the Hilltop House Restaurant and still have time to browse and shop in this historical town. Purchase tickets by July 9 at the ITR Office, building 3326, or call 410-278-4011. For more information, contact Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park

4th of July special is buy three Go Kart Rides or Mini Golf Packages and get one free. Children under 5 accompanied by a parent play for free. For more information, contact Ed DelaCruz at 410-278-4124.

MWR lunchtime hot spots

Come out and taste the weekly lunch specials at the AA Recreation Center Snack Bar, building 3326; Bowling Center, building 2342; or Ruggles Golf Course Snack Bar, 5600 block, serving everything from cheese steaks to pizza. Lunch is served daily from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Army News



Guard opening 2nd 'fast-track' officer school

Master Sgt. Bob Haskell
Army News Service

Army National Guard soldiers in the eastern United States wanting to become officers as quickly as possible will learn a great deal about “The Gap” beginning this summer.

Fort Indiantown Gap in southeastern Pennsylvania, near Harrisburg, will become home to the second “fast-track” eight-week officer candidate school run by the Army National Guard.

The first school of its kind accredited by the Army has been based for the past three years at Fort Meade north of Rapid City, S.D.

As many as 275 officer candidates, including some from the Army Reserve, may earn reserve commissions as second lieutenants during two months of intense training that will begin June 8, explained Pennsylvania Army Guard Maj. Jonathan Scott.

The men and women enrolled in the Guard’s eastern OCS Accelerated Course 501 reported to The Gap for four weeks of leadership training on June 22 after completing their first two weeks at Camp Fretterd, Md. They will spend their two final weeks, beginning July 20, at Fort McClellan, Ala., before graduating in early August, said Scott.

Scott is the operations officer for the Pennsylvania Army Guard’s 166th Regiment, commanded by Col. Steven Ward, and based in a compact, \$27 million campus of modern brick buildings at the sprawling National Guard Training Center which the Army first opened in 1931.

“There is a significant shortage of second lieutenants and other junior officers in the Guard,” said Scott. “This is one way

to help fill those ranks.”

There were 2,038 vacancies for 1st and 2nd lieutenants and 4,220 vacancies for captains throughout the Army Guard at the end of March, said Lt. Col. Cindy Dwyer at the National Guard Bureau. That amounts to a 27 percent shortage for company-grade officers.

The men and women fast-trackers will spend their first two weeks in Maryland with other officer candidates who will be starting a traditional 16-month commissioning program. They will spend their final two weeks in Alabama with other candidates who are concluding the traditional Guard course.

The Army Guard conducts its traditional OCS programs at seven regional sites. That OCS includes two weeks of training at the start of the program, one weekend every month for a year, and two full weeks of training before commissioning. The four weeks at The Gap, however, will be exclusively for the fast-track candidates. Most will come from east of the Mississippi River, said Scott, while most fast-track candidates from the western United States will train in South Dakota.

The programs are similar in scope to the six-week officers training school that the Air National Guard’s Academy of Military Science has run near Knoxville, Tenn., for more than 30 years.

The Pennsylvania program is intended to handle Army Guard soldiers who want to earn commissions before their 40th birthdays, who do not want to endure the 16-month traditional process or spend 14 weeks of Army OCS at Fort Benning, Ga., and who can devote eight straight weeks to the effort, Guard officials explained.

Last year, 60 Pennsylvania citizen-soldiers applied for the

fast-track program in South Dakota, but few were accepted by that school, which trained 174 candidates from 25 states.

“The National Guard Bureau said we could begin a program here at Fort Indiantown Gap if we could attract the numbers. We are confident we can do that,” said Scott whose staff had received 206 applications by mid-April.

The cross section includes young people who enlisted with the idea of earning a commission, former active-duty soldiers, and senior sergeants who have already attended The Gap’s NCO Academy. One applicant is a lawyer, said Staff Sgt. Raymond Reeder.

The program is open to all citizen-soldiers who meet the requirements to be commissioned.

Candidates between 30-35 need an age waiver from their state adjutant general, and candidates over 35 need a waiver from the National Guard Bureau, Scott said. Those under 30 do not need a waiver.

The new fast-track program is not being stressed just for those who are pushing the age limits, he added.

The fast-trackers will be part of a busy training community at Fort Indiantown Gap that is one of the Army Guard’s long-standing educational centers. More than 500 students in all, including 170 attending noncommissioned officer courses, will be enrolled in the 166th Regiment during that month.

The total staff will exceed 100 people, and the dining hall will feed about 650 people each meal, Scott projected.

(Editor’s note: Master Sgt. Bob Haskell is a member of the National Guard Bureau public affairs team.)

Army officers recognized as ‘champions of innovation’

Patrick A. Swan
Army News Service

On a small budget of \$20 a month, plus “lots of time and sweat,” two Army officers have established a virtual officers’ club that’s earned them a place on a “champions of innovation” list.

Fast Company magazine selected them for inclusion on a list of 50 innovative leaders from a “global readers’ challenge” that garnered more than 1,650 entries (and more than 10,000 comments on those entries) representing more than 30 countries, according to its Web site, <http://www.fastcompany.com/fast50/>.

Maj. Nate Allen and Tony Burgess were recognized for their leadership of **CompanyCommand.com** and **PlatoonLeader.org**. These user-driven Web sites facilitate the lateral sharing of knowledge among company-level leaders in the Army. The fast-growing sites currently attract over 30,000 visitors and 1.5 million “hits” monthly.

“They are forums where Army leaders share knowledge and learn from others’ experience,” Allen said. “Leaders are accessing knowledge, sharing ideas, and tapping into the experiences of others, helping to transform the Army into a learning organization.”

In addition to leading the all-volunteer team of 25 officers who run the Web sites, Allen and Burgess have published a book on company-level leadership. They write a monthly company-level leadership newsletter, and give leadership seminars at pre-command courses.

“What we are doing is not about a Web site,” said Burgess. “It is about connecting like-minded leaders who are passionate about building combat-ready teams.”

Burgess said he and Allen set up **CompanyCommand.com** and **PlatoonLeader.org** for a simple reason: to fill a need.

“Even though all Army officers — literally thousands each year — command a platoon or company,” Burgess told Fast Company magazine, “there was no system that allowed them to share what they were learning in real time, laterally across the entire organization. When they left their jobs, so did their experience.”

The Web sites provide a way to capture and share that experience, and to actually create new knowledge through online discussion forums.

“The Internet makes possible a virtual officers’ club,” said Maj. Steve Schweitzer, the site’s Web master. “We offer a non-time-sensi-

tive, non-location dependent discussion forum that soldiers can access from anywhere in the world.”

Burgess said he is not surprised by the success of **CompanyCommand.com**.

“It makes sense that Army leaders would be passionately committed to figuring out and sharing what works,” Burgess said. “We knew that if Army leaders could easily share their ideas and lessons-learned real time, they would enthusiastically do so. That is what professionals do.”

The officers feel limited only by the resources they can dedicate to the effort. “Pulling this off with no funding other than our savings accounts and on our free time has definitely been our biggest obstacle,” said Burgess. “On the other hand,” he added, “the fact that our work is totally grass-roots has created a spirit of community that is downright inspirational.”

Allen and Burgess believe that their efforts support the leader development portion of Army Transformation.

“The potential to leverage this model of learning to effect Army Transformation is huge,” said Allen. “Leaders who come together to share knowledge can more quickly learn

what they need to know, when they need to know it, making them more competent and adaptive.”

“It’s all about building combat-ready teams,” added Burgess.

Allen and Burgess were among eight officers recognized at April’s Army Knowledge Symposium for building **CompanyCommand.com** into the “Most Innovative Knowledge Management Initiative.”

William C. Taylor and Alan M. Webber, Fast Company founding editors, said their goal in establishing the “champions of innovation” recognition was to “remind the world of all the good that gets created when passionate people with big ideas and strong convictions are determined to make a difference...to unleash the spirit of innovation, creativity, determination, and struggle that moves the world forward — and to recognize leaders, teams, and companies that are achieving extraordinary results.”

(Editor’s note: Patrick Swan is a public affairs liaison officer with the Chief Information Officer/G-6.)

Myths

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chooses to drive a rental car at 11:30 pm to a bar or dance club, he or she is not in the scope of his or her employment. If one has an accident with the rental car, that person will not be able to turn to the government for protection from liability.

Myth#5

As long as the government employee is authorized a rental car vehicle, the government employee does not have to be concerned about rental cars and accidents.

Fact

A government employee

should be very concerned about liability while performing a TDY mission. At a minimum, the government employee should:

Ask if the rental car company complies with the MTMC agreement.

Review the MTMC agreement.

If other government employees will be driving the same vehicle, discuss this with the rental car agency. The rental car agency may require all the authorized government drivers to sign the rental contract, effectively holding each one liable for damage or loss.

Review TDY orders to ensure that a rental car is authorized.

Review your own automo-

bile insurance contact to determine if your private insurance contract covers loss or damage to a rental vehicle if you have an accident.

Consider purchasing insurance. This may be an out of pocket, non-reimbursable expense. However, it may save you thousands of dollars in the event of an accident.

Understand the procedures to follow if you are in an accident of TDY.

Be aware of places and times that are authorized as being within the “scope of employment” prior to departing for TDY.

Consider obtaining a government driver’s license before driving a government vehicle.

Officers to ask for assignment online

Army News Service

Army officers will be able to submit their assignment preference statements via the Internet by accessing the U.S. Army Personnel Command homepage beginning July 1.

The online preference statement will enable officers, for the first time, the ability to view open valid requisitions that assignment managers are working to fill, according to officials.

“In the past our customers have only been able to see open assignments on various branch Web sites,” said Jan Frutiger automation branch chief for PERSCOM’s Officer Personnel Management Directorate. “With the online preference statements officers will have a broader view of the positions that assignment managers are working to fill. They will be able to evaluate the special requirements for the position before making their choice.”

Branch, grade and area of concentration are

the filters for the information that is shown on the preference statement. Officers can make selections specifically by valid and open requisitions, by location or by specific duty such as joint, ROTC or recruiting. The assignment manager will then have immediate visibility to this information as he walks through the decision process for filling a requisition.

“The preference statement is what the field has asked for,” said Brig. Gen. David Valcourt the OPMD director. “It’s going to empower officers to better participate in the decisions that impact their career and help streamline and improve the responsiveness of the officer assignment process.”

Officers will be able to select their preferences on the PERSCOM homepage by clicking on the officer preference statement dog tag when the option comes online in July.

Command

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in support of Stabilization Force II.

His awards and decorations include two Meritorious Service Medals, the Joint Services Commendation Medal, three Army Commendation Medals, a NATO Service Medal and the Parachute Qualification Badge.

Keegan and his wife Laura have two children, John 10, and 7-year-old Carole.

Moore, a Wisconsin native, will be attending the Industrial College of the Armed Forces.



Photo by E. C. STARNES
Robert Graziosi poses in front of the Ordnance Corps headquarters at APG after a 57-year absence. The 89-year-old served at APG during World War II.

Graziosi

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every five minutes,” he continued.

When asked how he felt about possibly going to war against soldiers from his native country, he replied that he was an American.

“Besides, the Italian soldiers didn’t want to fight. They didn’t like Mussolini,” Graziosi said.

He did meet a childhood friend during the war.

“I got a letter from my aunt and she said so-and-so is a prisoner of war in Maryland,” he said. He doesn’t recall the name of the camp, but it was in Western Maryland.

“I remembered the name. I got permission from my company commander to go visit

with him. When I got there he was living like a king. He told me, “Anything you want, I’ll buy it for you.”

His friend was relieved to be out of the war. “He didn’t want to be a soldier. He didn’t want to fight. He saw in the camp that life in America was very good.”

That was the last time he saw his friend. He has never returned to Italy.

It was while at Aberdeen that he met his wife.

“He met her at a USO dance,” explained son Bob. When it was time to head back to Pennsylvania, his wife didn’t want to go. So, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Graziosi became residents of Baltimore. He still lives in the family home and has been a widower for 30 years.

“He grows his own vegetables and he has plum, peach

and apple trees,” said his son. “He’s an avid gardener and he maintains his home and garden all by himself.”

He went to work for Baltimore Gas and Electric and retired after more than 30 years with the company.

Son Bob arranged for the visit to Aberdeen.

“I remember when I was young that Dad was always in uniform.”

Bringing along a family album, the father and son shared a look at Graziosi’s life as a soldier and his early days of marriage. The pictures show a slim, uniformed soldier enjoying life with his wife and young son.

At the end of his visit, Graziosi thanked his hosts and said he it wouldn’t be another 57 years before he returned.



A black vulture preens itself as it sits atop the Scales and Tales sign.



A barred owl casts a somber look with its one eye.



Rob Dyke, of the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, holds a spiny soft-shelled turtle, one of several endangered species, on display at his Scales and Tales booth.



Evan Dorsey, 10, drops water on a penny during a water density demonstration at the water science display.



Julie Bortz, right, research coordinator for the Chesapeake Bay Estuarial Research Reserve, shows Danielle Hoppel, 7, how to plant aquatic vegetation.

Wade-In teaches environmental lessons

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Nearly 300 youths and adults took the plunge during the Harford County Wade-In at the Anita C. Leight Estuary Center on June 1. Hosted by Harford County and the Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the event offers citizens a chance to learn about environmental issues in a fun way. Susan Phelps Larcher, MDNR tributary team coordinator, said the Wade-In began about 15 years ago to draw attention to the plight of the Chesapeake watershed. “It’s a fun way to measure the water’s clarity and see if we’re making progress in cleaning up our waterways,” Larcher said. “And, it’s become a symbolic way to show concern for the environment.” In addition, Aberdeen Proving Ground takes up a large portion of the Upper Chesapeake area, added Jim Bailey, an environmental technologist with the U.S. Army Research Laboratory. “The Wade-In is a great mechanism to increase public awareness. We have 102 miles

of shoreline. Improving the quality of the bay improves our ability to perform.” Promptly at 2:30 p.m., participants waded into the water at Otter Point Creek as far as they could go before losing sight of their feet in the water. Larcher said that waders went as far as 23 feet, which indicates steady improvement. “In 1998, it was at seven and one half feet, 14 and one half in 2000 and 13 feet in 2001,” she said adding that more clarity indicates better quality, less sediment and more nutrients which is better for fish, wildlife and plants. The event included a live band, a face-painting booth, birds and turtles, aquatic vegetation plantings, and pontoon boat and canoe rides. A popular display was Scales and Tales, a display of turtles and birds that are native to the area. A great horned owl, a barred owl and a black vulture were perched on the fence surrounding the display that included stinkpot turtles, a diamondback terrapin and a spiny soft shell turtle, all endangered species. The host, Rob Dyke, MDNR, said the booth was part of an outreach education program for

the park service. “We have 40 to 50 birds, including eagles, osprey and falcons, which have been injured or abused and are endangered species in sites across the state,” Dyke said. The park service holds events like this to increase public awareness and to encourage visitation to national parks, he added. At the submerged aquatic vegetation display, Julie Bortz, research coordinator for the Chesapeake Bay Natural Estuarial Research Reserve guided children in planting varieties of water grass. While helping them pack the seedlings in sand filled biodegradable pots, Bortz said the planting would help combat erosion and increase the natural underwater food supply. “We focus on instilling an awareness of the need to protect natural resources in the young,” Bortz said. Paula Hoppel, a Havre de Grace mom, looked on as her daughter Danielle, 7, placed blades of grass in one of the small pots. She said they visit the center regularly and enjoyed the Wade-In.

“This was a fun, educational experience,” Hoppel said, adding that they spotted two bald eagles earlier while taking a ride in a canoe. At the water service display, Robert Finton, MDNR, and education coordinator for the center, provided demonstrations in water science. Wearing a Mickey Mouse-styled hat, Finton said children enjoy learning about the physics of water when it’s taught in a fun way. “We look at the aspects of research of the bay and try to integrate it in a way that makes it accessible to the public,” Finton said. Visitors to the Wade-In were given free T-shirts as thanks for attending. Larcher said the day’s goal was met and that the annual event has gotten “bigger and better every year.” “This is basically a public outreach project,” Larcher said. “Our tributary strategy teams focus on bringing bay goals to the local people. Our priority is what’s most important for the bay.” The Wade-In is traditionally held the first Saturday in June. The festivities are free and open to the public.



Revolutionary War
Sgt. Rogelio Tipton



War of 1812
Sgt. Jonette Wilkins



Mexican/American War
Sgt. Spencer Buck



Indian War/Cavalry
Sgt. Venus Sims



Civil War
Staff Sgt. Kinyon Jones



Desert Storm
Sgt. Alan Rojas



Korean War
Sgt. Bradley Hughes



The table for fallen comrades displays a helmet, weapon and boots; a single rose for families and loved ones, a red ribbon for those missing in action, a slice of lemon to recall the bitter fate of those who died or are missing, salt for family tears, an inverted glass for those who cannot toast and an empty chair for the lost or missing.

The Army Song
First to fight for the right, and to build the nation's might,
And the Army goes rolling along
Proud of all we have done, fighting 'til the battle's won,
And the Army goes rolling along
Then it's Hi! Hi! Hey! The Army's on its way,
Count off the cadence loud and strong
For where e're we go, you will always know
That the Army goes rolling along.



World War I (Doughboy)
Sgt. Hannah Auer



Panama
Sgt. Jerry Haynes



Grenada
Staff Sgt. Richard Morris



Vietnam
Sgt. Sean Schmidt



World War II
Sgt. Gary Francisco



The 143rd Ordnance Battalion color guard retires the colors, to conclude the ceremonial portion of the ball.



Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, second from right, leads the cake cutting ceremony with Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, left, and Pfc. Larry Deloach, second from left, and Spc. John E. Taylor Sr., far right, from the Maryland National Guard's 1/115th Infantry Battalion. Deloach is the command's youngest soldier while Taylor is the most "squared away."



Maj. Gen. H. Steven Blum, commander, Virginia Army National Guard, 29th Infantry Division (Light) gives the keynote address during the Army Birthday Ball at Top of the Bay on June 14.

Photos by APG PHOTO LAB

Birthday Ball praises citizen soldiers

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Army dress blue and class A uniforms mixed with glittering gowns and crisp tuxedos as more than 250 people celebrated the Army's 227th birthday during Aberdeen Proving Ground's Army Birthday Ball at Top of the Bay on June 14.

Alluding to the theme, "On Duty for America's Freedom," Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, lauded the Army National Guard and the U.S. Army Reserve for their role in bolstering security on APG since Sept. 11.

"Our 227th year has been both a great and sad time in our history," Doesburg said, noting the heavy National Guard presence in the audience.

Doesburg introduced the guest speaker, Maj. Gen. H. Steven Blum, commander, Virginia Army National Guard, as "one who is all about taking care of soldiers, the state and the nation."

"Name a tough job or assignment and he's had it," Doesburg said. "It didn't surprise me when he was named commander of the 29th Infantry Division. I knew he was a leader."

Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, thanked the event planners and participants, who included Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, 1st Sgt. Clarence Ward, Headquarters Support Troop and the garrison and Top of the Bay staffs.

Mark read a joint letter from the Army Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Army.

Members of the 29th Infantry Division rose to their feet as

Blum took the podium.

Commenting on the nation's newfound respect for the military, Blum said it is fitting that the Army's birthday falls on Flag Day.

"All creeds, all races and every organized religion is reflected in the Army and represented by our flag," Blum said.

"Ours is the most educated and diverse Army the world has ever seen," he said, adding that it sends a strong message to countries where people "slaughter each other over nothing."

"We celebrate our differences," Blum said. "The Army has come a long way in 227 years, moving the country closer to the constitution than the founding fathers envisioned."

"Throughout our history, soldiers have made courageous moves and set the standards for the American public," he said. "Because of you, they sleep comfortably, knowing that you know your job."

"This is our 227th birthday," he continued. "If we keep doing what we're doing, we will have many happy returns."

Two Maryland Army National Guard soldiers, Pfc. Larry Deloach, and Spc. John E. Taylor Sr., Company C, 1/115th Infantry, Chestertown, Md., participated in the cake-cutting ceremony with Doesburg and Stallings.

The evening's events included a streamer ceremony conducted by students of the Noncommissioned Officer Academy's Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course, led by Staff Sgt. Steven Bunker; posting of the colors by the 143rd Ordnance Battalion color guard, and music by the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) led by Sgt. Maj. Donald Lloyd.

Many present agreed that the ball was a good way to say thank you to the Army.

"It's very important that we say thank you," said Dr. Gunther Hirsch, president of the Harford County Council. "Because of the military we enjoy the freedoms and liberties we have today. They have become the policemen of the world."

"It was a first class evening," said Col. Henry J. Davis, SBCCOM's director of operations, or G-3.

He added that it is "justly so that the full Army community include those with active, reserve and National Guard status."

Our number one priority is to protect this land," Davis said. "Together, we send a strong message."

Maj. Gen. Mitchell Stevenson, U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools commander, praised his "top notch NCO corps" for their role in the evening's festivities, noting that OCS outreach programs such as those required by the school, "increase appreciation of the military. They serve the community and get a lot out of it in return," Stevenson said.

"Polls have shown that the military is one of the most respected professions -- above doctors, lawyers and elected officials."

A native of Baltimore, Blum assumed command of the 29th Infantry Division (Light) Virginia Army National Guard, headquartered at Fort Belvoir, Va., in 1999.

As the commander, he exercises command and control of divisional elements and 11,000 citizen soldiers in five states - Maryland, Virginia, Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey.